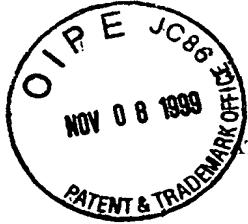


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**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
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(Only for Continuation or Divisional Applications under 37 CFR 1.53(d))

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box CPA Washington DC 20231	First Named Inventor	Alex Kunzler et al.
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	Date:	November 8, 1999

This is a request for a continuation or divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/944,234, filed on October 6, 1997, entitled "DRILL HEAD FOR USE IN PLACING A VERTEBRAL DISC DEVICE"

Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.

2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).

a. **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application: _____

b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

4. A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.

5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:

a. PTO-1449

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- a. A small entity statement is enclosed
- b. A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. Is no longer claimed.

7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required **in connection with this application**, or credit any overpayment to Account No. **08-2290**. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

8. A check in the amount of **\$416.00** to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

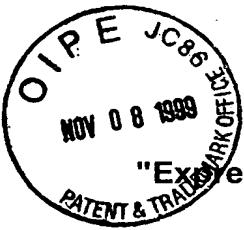
9. Other:

10. Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated **May 10, 1999** for **3** months so that the period for response is extended to **November 10, 1999**. A check in the amount of **\$435.00** is attached to cover the cost of the extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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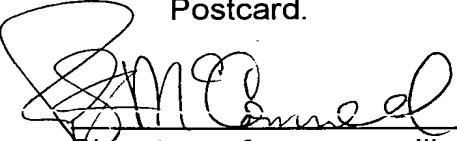
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